# AFVs in the International Marketplace - Mexico

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#### **Opportunities**

-Awareness of AQ problem in 3 largest cities and environs

Mexico City

Guadalajara

Monterrey

## Background

Initial strategy to reduce vehicle emissions in Mexico:

- No-drive days
- Use of unleaded gasoline
- Catalytic converter
- Emissions testing

# Background

#### **Alternative Fuels**

- Initial alterative fuel use for economics, rather than air quality benefits
- Mostly LPG
- Mostly bi-fuel conversions, smaller truckspickups

# **AFV Opportunities**

Alternative Fuels starting to be seen as a tool to reduce emissions

Primary interest is in Mexico City due to need to reduce extreme pollution

#### Mexico City- Opportunities

- Innovations likely to come from Government Sector
- Regulations/Solutions here are copied by surrounding areas
- Natural gas and propane used in residential applications, LNG used for industrial purposes
- Majority of NGV OEMs have some manufacturing presence in Mexico
- Large Presence of U.S. business advocates (U.S. embassy, Department of Commerce, etc.)

## Mexico City- Challenges

- Government red tape
- Lack of fueling infrastructure
- Length of time vehicles kept in fleet
- Vehicle cost
- Resale Value

#### Monterrey- Opportunities

- Accessible (only 150 miles from the Texas border)
- Industrial and distribution capital of north
- Innovations likely to come from Private Sector
- Business Style Similar to U.S.
- Large Presence of U.S. companies
- Skilled labor force
- Good natural gas pipeline infrastructure

## Monterrey- Challenges

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